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IMPORT OF FISH
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether fish is being imported in the country in huge quantities leading to the drain of foreign exchange and resentment among fishermen in coastal areas;

(b) if so, whether the Government proposes to check the import of fish to safeguard the interest of the fishermen; and

(c) if so, the details thereof and by when it is likely to be implemented?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI KANTI LAL BHURIA)

(a): The quantity of fish imported into the country is very insignificant and, therefore, it cannot be said to have resulted in any drain of foreign exchange or to have severely affected the domestic fish industry.

(b)&(c): The basic customs duty for fish and fishery products is fairly high and offer a significant level of protection to the domestic producers of fish. The Sanitary and Phyto-Sanitary measures that are in force help in regulating the import of fish and fishery products. Some amount of fish imported is also processed for re-export with value addition.